

**MINUTES
OF
MEETING OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD WORKSHOP**

Central Office Auditorium
1221 East Broad Street
Richmond, Virginia

January, 18, 2007
12:00 PM

The meeting of the Commonwealth Transportation Board was held in the Central Office Auditorium of the Virginia Department of Transportation in Richmond, Virginia on January 18, 2007. The Chairman, Pierce R. Homer, presided and called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.

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Present: Messrs. Bowie, Davies, Davis, Dickens, Keen, Koelemay, Martin, McCarthy, Schwartz, Sterling, White, Witt, Ms. Carter, Ms. Connally; Vice Chairman Ekern, and Mr. Tucker, ex officio, Director of the Department of Rail and Public Transportation.

Absent: None

1. Commonwealth Transportation Board Handbook Update
Keith Martin, Virginia Department of Transportation
Referenced by attachment of presentation.

At the request of the Chair and with no objection Agenda Item 2, the Legislative Briefing regarding Governor Kaine's 2007 Transportation Proposal was delayed until the end of the workshop.

3. Connection Quarterly Report
Matthew Tucker, Virginia Department of Rail & Public Transportation
Referenced by attachment of presentation.
4. Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement to Create the Metropolitan Area Transportation Coordinating Committee (MATOC)
Connie Sorrell, Virginia Department of Transportation
Referenced by attachment of presentation.
5. Route 460 Alignment Update
Richard L. Walton, Jr., Virginia Department of Transportation
Referenced by attachment of presentation.
6. TransDominion Express Study Update
Kevin Page, Virginia Department of Rail & Public Transportation
John Miller, Virginia Transportation Research Council
Referenced by attachment of presentation.

Several Board members asked for an explanation regarding the methodology used to prepare the rider ship numbers and population. Dr. Miller answered those questions.

Mr. White expressed concerns with the study indicating he felt it may be misleading based on the questions asked by other Board members and answers that were given.

Mr. McCarthy agreed with Mr. White's observation.

The Chairman asked that this item be brought up before the Board during the March 14, 2007 CTB workshop session.

The Chairman recognized Ms. Barbara Reese, Chief Financial Officer. Ms. Reese shared with the Board members the findings of the most recent audit by the Auditor of Public Accounts, specifically that the Department's audit was completed with no findings.

2. Legislative Briefing, Governor Kaine's 2007 Transportation Proposal
Pierce R. Home, Secretary of Transportation
Referenced by attachment of presentation.

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Present: Messrs. Bowie, Davies, Davis, Dickens, Keen, Koelemay, Martin, McCarthy, Schwartz, Sterling, White, Witt, Ms. Carter, Ms. Connally; Vice Chairman Ekern, and Mr. Tucker, ex officio, Director of the Department of Rail and Public Transportation.

Absent: None

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Public Comment Period:

Mr. Peter Green addressed the Board regarding the 460 location approval decision before the board today (agenda item 6). Mr. Green thanked the Board and Commissioner Ekern for listening to the concerns of the citizens in the area most effected by the alignment of this route. Mr. Green offered his support to the Board and VDOT.

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Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting:

Action on Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting December 14, 2006. Copy of approved minutes on file with the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) Commissioner's Office and posted on the VDOT Internet website: www.virginiadot.org and the Virginia Regulatory Town Hall.

Moved by Mr. Keen, seconded by Mr. Bowie.
Motion carried, minutes approved.

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LOCAL ASSISTANCE DIVISION:

Agenda Item 1: Action on Enhancement Funds specifically from the County of Giles, a request transfer of remaining \$466,602 Enhancement Allocation from the cancelled Giles County New river Greenway to the following projects, both located in the County of Giles as outlined:

- \$233,301 to the town of Rich Creek Downtown Pedestrian Projects.
- \$233,301 to the Town of Glen Lyn Pedestrian Riverfront Access Project.

Referenced by attachment of resolution and decision brief.

Moved by Mr. Keen, seconded by Dr. Davis.

Motion carried, resolution approved.

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RIGHT OF WAY AND UTILITIES DIVISION:

Agenda Item 2: Action on Land and Easement Conveyances specifically,

(B) Route 695

Accomack County, Town of Saxis

Project No.: 0695-296-137, C-501

Referenced by attachment of resolution and decision brief.

Moved by Mr. Bowie, seconded by Mr. Keen.

Motion carried, resolution approved

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(C) Route 56 and old Route 680

Nelson County

Project Nos. 1150-D and 0680-062-AG-8-110

Referenced by attachment of resolution and decision brief.

Moved by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Davies.

Motion carried, resolution approved

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(D) Routes 24 and 655

Roanoke County, Town of Vinton

Project No.: 0024-149-101, RW-201

Referenced by attachment of resolution and decision brief.

Moved by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Bowie.

Motion carried, resolution approved

(E) Route 11, old Route 33 (Junction Valley Turnpike)
Renumbered to old Route 11

Augusta County, Project No.: 585DW-1.

Referenced by attachment of resolution and decision brief.

Moved by Dr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Davies.

Motion carried, resolution approved

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Prior to the vote on Agenda Items 2, item 2 (A) Routes 10 and 641, Chesterfield County, Project No.: 0010-020-024 (old project 4120-24) was pulled from the agenda with no action taken.

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Agenda Item 3: Action on Limited Access specifically Route 37 and Future Extension of Jubal Early Drive Interchange and Route 621 (Merrimans Lane), Frederick County, Project No.: 6037-034-101, RW-201. Referenced by attachment of resolution and decision brief.

Moved by Dr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Bowie.

Motion carried, resolution approved

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PROGRAMMING DIVISION:

Agenda Item 4: Action on FY07-12 Six-Year Improvement Program Transfers for November 30, 2006 through January 2, 2007. Referenced by attachment of resolution and decision brief.

Moved by Mr. Davies, seconded by Ms. Carter.

Motion carried, resolution approved

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COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE:

Agenda Item 5: Action on Location Approval specifically Fairfax County, Richmond Highway – Telegraph Road Connector. This item was removed from the agenda with no action taken, with deferment to the February 15, 2007 Commonwealth Transportation Board action meeting.

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ENVIRONMENTAL DIVISION:

Agenda Item 6: Action on Location Approval on Route 460. Referenced by attachment of resolution and decision brief.

Mr. Schwartz voted in favor of this resolution, but asked that the minutes reflect that his support of this resolution does mean he endorses this project. Mr. Schwartz indicated he feels there are questions that have not been answered regarding this project.

Moved by Mr. Dickens, seconded by Mr. Bowie.

Motion carried, resolution approved

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COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE:

Agenda Item 7. Approval of Project Memorandum of Understanding.

This agreement forms the Metropolitan Area Transportation Operations Coordination Steering Committee, comprising of the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT); the District of Columbia, through the District Department of Transportation; the Maryland Department of Transportation; the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority; and the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments regarding VDOT's Participation in the Metropolitan Area Transportation Operations Coordination Program. Referenced by attachment of resolution and decision brief.

Moved by Mr. Koelemay, seconded by Ms. Connally.

Motion carried, resolution approved

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SCHEDULING & CONTRACT DIVISION:

Agenda Item 8: Action on Bids Received: the months of September, November and December 2006:

Page 1 of the attached report, recommending award of order number 902.

Moved by Mr. Koelemay, seconded by Dr. Davis.

Motion carried, bid awarded.

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Page 2 of the attached report, recommending award of order number 12/06.

Moved by Mr. Bowie, seconded by Ms. Connally.

Motion carried, bid awarded.

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Page 3 of the attached report, recommending award of order number 12/06.

Moved by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Ms. Carter.

Motion carried, bid awarded.

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Page 4 of the attached report, recommending award of order number J10.

Moved by Mr. Schwartz, seconded by Mr. Davies.

Motion carried, bid awarded.

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NEW BUSINESS:

ADJOURNMENT

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The meeting adjourned at 2:23 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 15, 2007, beginning at 12 p.m. in Richmond, Virginia.

Approved:

Chairman

Secretary